



Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County Dinosaur Institute Summer Internship in Fossil Conservation

Summary: This internship will focus on developing student skills and experience in vertebrate fossil conservation and museum science. An emphasis will be placed on fossil preparation and labwork within the Dinosaur Institute (DI), with ancillary training in specimen curation and digitization. Enrichment activities will include museum seminars, workshops, and tours, as well as the possibility of participation in field expeditions. The goals of the program will be to develop workforce-related skills in fossil conservation and broad experience in museum collections care, utilizing an approach that follows the “life of a fossil” through collection, preparation/conservation, documentation, and curation.

Term: 8-week term, with flexible start/end dates to accommodate different academic calendars and student responsibilities. Initial proposed dates are June 5th–July 28th.

Salary: Students will be hired as part-time employees at NHMLAC, with an expectation of 18-24 hours of work over 3-4 days each week, at a rate of \$20/hr. Students will receive standard part-time employee benefits (e.g., Employee Assistance Program, Commuter Benefits, 403b). The internship package will also include travel/housing cost reimbursement of up to \$1,500.

Travel/Housing: Interns are responsible for any travel and lodging costs in Los Angeles associated with their internship, but the internship package includes travel/housing cost reimbursement of up to \$1,500. Additionally, any travel/lodging costs associated with fieldwork will be covered by the Dinosaur Institute.

Eligibility: Applicants should be full-time undergraduate students currently enrolled in good standing at either Howard University, or the University of Chicago.

Application: Students should submit a cover letter of interest (no more than one-page), along with a current CV, including contact information for at least two references. Applications should be submitted via email to Dr. Nathan Smith (nsmith@nhm.org) by April 21, 2023. Decisions on candidates can be expected by the end of April.

Resources: www.nhm.org
<https://nhm.org/research-collections/departments/dinosaur-institute>